

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chair Jennifer Fielder, on February 21, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jennifer Fielder, Chair (R)
Sen. Jedediah Hinkle, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Steve Hinebaugh (R)
Sen. David Howard (R)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Pat Christian, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 211, 2/14/2017; HB 214, 2/14/2017; SJ 9, 2/9/2017

Executive Action:

SB 218: Do Pass as Amended
SB 237: Be Tabled
SB 110: Be Tabled
SB 214: Do Pass as Amended
SB 173: Motion Withdrawn

HEARING ON SJ 9

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:54 Sen. Mike Phillips (D), SD 31, opened the hearing on SJ 9, Interim study regarding chronic wasting disease and ungulate populations.

00:03:00 Sen. McClafferty left the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:10 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation

00:05:11 Quenton Kujala, Wildlife Division administrator, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

EXHIBIT(fis38a01)

00:08:18 Jeff Herbert, Montana Sportsmen Alliance

00:12:26 Tim Feldner, citizen

00:15:20 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:16:37 Sen. Vincent

00:17:02 Mr. Kujala, FWP

00:17:12 Sen. Vincent

00:17:23 Mr. Kujala

00:17:29 Sen. Vincent

00:17:59 Mr. Kujala

00:18:51 Sen. Hinkle

00:19:47 Mr. Feldner, citizen

00:20:13 Sen. Hinkle

00:20:28 Mr. Kujala

00:21:02 Chair Fielder

00:21:19 Mr. Kujala

Closing by Sponsor:

00:21:30 Sen. Phillips

HEARING ON HB 214

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:22:47 Rep. Bob Brown (R), HD 13, opened the hearing on HB 214, Generally revise laws related to Fort Peck hatchery.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:24:14 Eileen Ryce, Fisheries Division administrator, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(fis38a02\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:28:17 Sen. Vincent
00:28:59 Ms. Ryce, FWP
00:29:15 Sen. Vincent
00:29:41 Chair Fielder
00:29:54 Ms. Ryce
00:30:11 Sen. Facey
00:30:31 Sen. Hinebauch
00:30:49 Ms. Ryce
00:32:18 Sen. Hinebauch
00:32:26 Ms. Ryce
00:32:50 Chair Fielder
00:33:12 Rep. Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

00:33:52 Rep. Brown

HEARING ON HB 211

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:35:37 Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D), HD 23, opened the hearing on HB 211, Require sage grouse population report.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:37:41 Tammy Johnson, executive director, Montana Mining Association
00:38:27 Peggy Trenk, Treasure State Resources Association
00:39:24 Jessica Sena, Montana Petroleum Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:40:29 Ken McDonald, Wildlife Division administrator, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:41:08 Sen. Howard
 00:41:25 Mr. McDonald, FWP
 00:42:55 Sen. Hinebauch
 00:44:05 Rep. Hamlett
 00:45:38 Chair Fielder
 00:46:16 Mr. McDonald

Closing by Sponsor:

00:46:59 Rep. Hamlett

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 218

00:48:27 **Motion:** Sen. Hinkle moved that **SB 218 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:48:40 Chair Fielder
 00:49:04 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division
[EXHIBIT\(fis38a03\)](#)

00:49:29 Sen. Facey

00:49:37 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hinkle moved that **SB 218 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried by voice vote of those present and voting.

00:50:02 **Motion:** Sen. Hinkle moved that **SB 218 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:50:12 Sen. Vincent
 00:50:44 Sen. Hinkle

00:51:03 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Hinebauch, Sen. Vincent and Sen. Welborn voting no. Sen. McClafferty was excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 237

00:52:46 **Motion:** Sen. Hinkle moved that **SB 237 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:52:55 Sen. Phillips
 00:53:39 Sen. Welborn
 00:54:20 Sen. Smith
 00:54:40 Sen. Vincent

00:55:24 **Vote:** Motion failed 5-6 by roll call vote with Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Fielder, Sen. Hinebauch, Sen. Hinkle and Sen. C. Smith voting aye. Sen. McClafferty voted by proxy.

00:56:13 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 237 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED**. Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote of those present and voting. Sen. McClafferty was excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 110

00:56:39 **Motion:** Sen. Phillips moved that **SB 110 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

00:57:42 Sen. Vincent

00:58:22 Sen. Hinkle

00:58:58 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-7 by roll call vote with Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Facey and Sen. Phillips voting aye.

00:59:48 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hinkle moved that **SB 110 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED**. Motion carried 9-1 by voice vote with Sen. Phillips voting no. Sen. McClafferty was excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 173

01:00:37 **Motion:** Sen. Cohenour moved that **SB 173 DO PASS**.

01:01:14 **Motion:** Sen. Cohenour moved that **SB 173 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(fis38a04\)](#)

Discussion:

01:01:26 Sen Cohenour

01:02:25 Sen. Vincent

01:02:37 Sen. Cohenour

01:02:56 Sen. Vincent

01:03:12 Chair Fielder

01:03:27 Sen. Cohenour

01:04:42 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-7 by roll call vote with Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Facey, Sen. McClafferty and Sen. Phillips voting aye. Sen. McClafferty and Sen. Phillips voted by proxy.

Discussion:

01:06:03 Sen. Hinkle

01:06:52 Sen. Welborn

01:07:54 Sen. Vincent

01:09:00 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

01:09:28 Sen. Hinebauch
 01:09:49 Mr. Kolman, LSD
 01:10:13 Sen. Vincent
 01:11:10 Sen. Facey
 01:11:39 Sen. Vincent
 01:12:14 Sen. Cohenour
 01:13:21 Chair Fielder
 01:13:54 Sen. Cohenour
 01:14:16 Mr. Kolman
 01:14:58 Sen. Cohenour
 01:15:25 Sen. Hinkle
 01:15:40 Sen. Cohenour
 01:15:50 Chair Fielder
 01:16:05 Without objection, Sen. Cohenour withdrew the DO PASS motion.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 214

01:16:28 **Motion:** Sen. Cohenour moved that **SB 214 DO PASS.**

01:17:04 **Motion:** Sen. Cohenour moved that **SB 214 BE AMENDED.**
[**EXHIBIT\(fis38a05\)**](#)

Discussion:

01:17:17 Sen. Cohenour
 01:17:27 Mr. Kolman
 01:19:13 Sen. Cohenour
 01:19:32 Sen. Hinkle
 01:19:42 Sen. Cohenour
 01:19:49 Sen. Hinkle
 01:20:07 Sen. Cohenour
 01:20:21 Sen. Vincent

01:20:39 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. McClafferty and Sen. Phillips were excused.

01:20:54 **Motion:** Sen. Cohenour moved that **SB 214 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:21:00 Sen. Vincent
 01:21:28 Sen. Hinkle
 01:21:47 Chair Fielder
 01:22:55 Sen. Cohenour
 01:23:41 Sen. Fielder

01:24:02 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-1 by voice vote with Sen. Hinebauch voting no. Sen. McClafferty and Sen. Phillips were excused.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:26 PM

Pat Christian, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fis38aad.pdf](#))